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In re Application of:)
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Miyoshi Watanabe et al.) Group Art Unit: 1795
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For: Method and Device for) Confirmation No.: 3458
Manufacturing Relief Printing Plate)
Terminal for Seamless Printing)

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Sir:

REPLY TO OFFICE ACTION

In the Office Action of April 28, 2009, the Examiner rejected claims 1, 5 and 29 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) for being obvious over Watanabe in view of a newly cited reference to Kaname (JP 60-021214), hereafter Kaname. In addition, claim 3 was rejected over Watanabe and Kaname further in view of Bode, claim 4 over Watanabe and Kaname further in view of Kozaki and claim 27 further in view of Torisawa. Claims 1, 3-15 and 28-31 were also rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) for being obvious over Ogata in view of Kaname.

The withdrawal of all previous grounds of rejection of the claims is appreciated. However, it is believed the claims are also patentable over the newly cited combinations of references for the following reasons.

Claim 1 relates to a method a method for manufacturing a relief material for seamless printing using a liquid-state photosensitive resin, the method comprising: